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View from Bear Mountain, with Iona Island in foreground, Peekskill in the distance.

IN PRESENTING this publicity book of Peekskill, containing as it does views and descriptive matter of this Village and vicinity, we hope it will be the means of advancing Peekskill's attractions and bring many who are seeking a home to this, the finest residential town in this section of the country.

The labor situation is always improved by the addition of new industries, bringing as it does additional families and opening up fields of work for those already located here.

Concerns seeking sites for manufacturing purposes are welcome and will be granted every possible inducement to locate here.

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PEEKSKILL'S WATER FRONT

A Reason for Peekskill

EVERY man ought to have a reason for his existence. If he has not he is only so much cumbersome matter in the way of society. He is eating possibly good food that ought to go to some useful person or occupying space that ought to be allotted to another.

Every town ought to have a reason for its existence along the same lines of argument. Some towns are just towns and that is all. Their building was perhaps the result of land boomers to begin with and their existence is of little consequence. They have no reason for their existence. On the other hand some other towns have innumerable reasons why they exist and why they continue to grow. There are certain important facts upon which a town must grow and these must constitute its reasons for existence. First, the geographical location of the town must be logical. It must be on a line of trade and commerce. Second, the town must be healthful. It must have good drainage. It must have abundance of water both for its people and for its industries. Third, it must have the right sort of environment. There must be a farming, or trading, or resort country behind it. Fourth, it must have good roads and good transportation facilities.

These are the great essentials, the great natural essentials, that a town must have. If it, perchance, have other attractions, so much the better, but it must have these fundamental reasons for its existence and its hope to grow.

Peekskill has these essentials. Peekskill was built on the site of an Indian village. The Indians had chosen the site because of its desirability. There were the hills sloping up from the Hudson—healthful hills, good for drainage, sightly hills from which the grandeur of the Highlands stood forth through the four seasons of the year. The Hudson River was right at hand for transportation by canoe or raft. Out of the rocks gushed the living waters, copious, abundant, refreshing. Is it any wonder the Indian chose such a site for his village? Is it any wonder the early Dutch settlers followed his example and loitered to build their homes on these unsurpassed hills?

VIEW OF THE HIGHLANDS

Those times are long sped but the reasons for existence are here in Peekskill to-day in even greater force than then. We have laid out miles of streets, have paved them, lighted thm, filled them with water mains, gas mains and sewer pipes, with telephone conduits and with trolley tracks. We have brought all the elements of high civilization to the very doors of our people. We have builded schools that are a pride and a satisfaction to behold. We have offered all the inducements of comfort and convenience—and here is Peekskill, with a reason for its existence.

Geographically, forty-one miles from New York City on the Hudson River Railroad—forty-one miles, just a nice ride out of the city yet far enough to escape all of its unpleasant features and to get the quiet of the country. Boats going north and south add to the facilities for travel and shipping.

Physically, high and dry, no swamps or meadows, hence no mosquitoes. Drainage good, hence no fevers.

The water supply of Peekskill is its great asset. The village owns the watershed and the pump works. The water is cheap and there is enough to supply ten Peekskills. This is a peculiar advantage—peculiar to the location. Watersheds cannot be purchased at will at a department store. Water is only where you find it and no town can grow without water. This one reason, if no other, makes Peekskill a good investment.

If we go into the realm of sentiment, there is where we shine. Who wants to look on any better scenery than the Hudson River at Peekskill? People come across continents and over seas to travel on this famous river and see the selfsame pictures that we enjoy daily from our porches.

A sharp bend of the river forms a wide bay and Dunderberg, on the opposite side, looks majestically over at the thriving village. Just beyond the village Annsville creek empties into the river and across the creek is the State Camp of Instruction, now used mostly as a rifle range for the state soldiery. To the east and north of the village is the lake district of southern New York not to be excelled anywhere for beautiful scenery or attractive outing grounds or summer home sites. Oscawana, Clear, Indian, Mohegan, Osceola, Mohansic are a few of the nearby lakes and there are innumerable smaller yet beautiful bodies in the neighborhood.

A village form of government has advantages, Peekskill believes, over the city form and in that belief it has remained under the former form until, with a population of more than 16,000, it is known as the largest village in the country. The President of the Village and Board of Trustees receive no compensation other than the honor the position gives and with such management Peekskill has moved steadily forward with a natural and healthy growth.

NEW WICOPEE DAM

Not rapidly but surely has it taken on the advancements of modern life and so it has never had reason to take a step back in its progress. One of the later municipalities in the county to have a trolley, its electric road is run more regularly than most in the section and a person posted as to the schedule time of the cars may set his watch by them. The same exactness may be seen in the gas and electric lighting and power service. The same holds true of its municipal constructions. Its streets are well graded and miles of them are paved. Its sewerage system is excellent. Its schools—private and public—are of the highest standard and the buildings, especially those of the public schools remarkable structures, perfectly fitted for their purpose and also striking examples of architecture.

Every normal requirement is met and provided for. There are churches of nearly all denominations and these are situated in different sections, making it convenient for one to reach a place of worship from any district. Of hotels and theatres there is a good supply and the industries of the place are varied and numerous.

A manufacturing village, its industries are numerous and include the manufacture of stoves, ranges and heaters, underwear and dress goods, automobile parts, machines and engines, oilcloth, hats, cigars, yeast, vinegar, whiskey and liquors, fire bricks, charcoal products, bricks, cement blocks and reconstructed stone, besides planing mills that supply all local demands.

Newspapers are plentiful and from some of the presses of Peekskill are turned out excellent specimens of typographical art.

Vacant land is abundant about Peekskill. In the residential sections many fine sites may be secured and especially is this true of the suburbs where homes may be had with large or small tracts of land, all quick of access to the business section.

Industries are welcome, and in the suburbs and along the water front are most attractive sites for manufacturing plants. In this connection the reader will find elsewhere mention of Verplanck's Point, which is now regarded by many as Peekskill's prospective manufacturing center, and which has been long the home of the brick manufacturing industry of the section.

OSCAWANA LAKE

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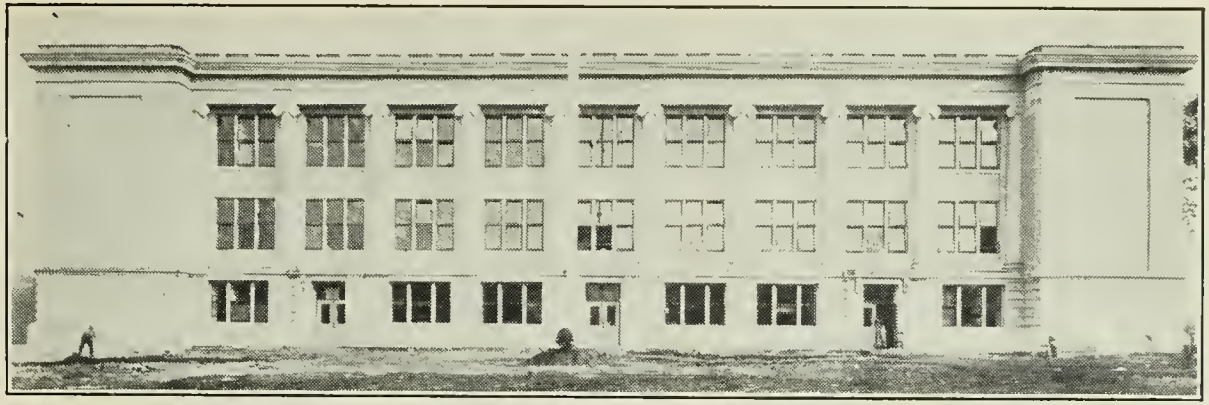

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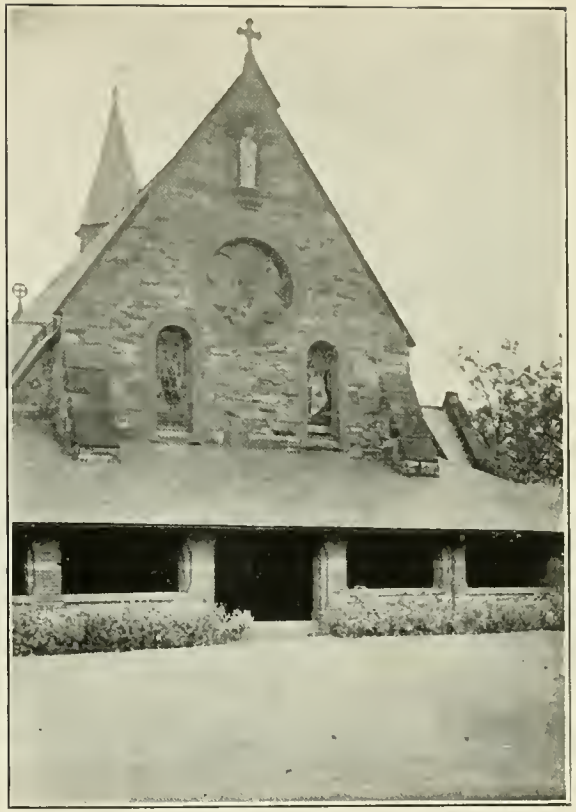

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VERPLANCK'S POINT, FROM STONY POINT, WITH DEEP WATER FRONT ON THE HUDSON RIVER

Courtesy of The Highland Democrat.

Verplanck's Point

Two miles below the village of Peekskill and connected with by trolley and good roads is Verplanck. The City of Verplanck it was once intended to be, but fate ruled otherwise and so it remains (until it shall be united to Peekskill) a convenient suburb with advantages that are just beginning to be appreciated. About three quarters of a century ago John Henry bought the tract and had it laid out in squares for a residential city, recognizing many features that well fitted it for that purpose. But the locality was better fitted for a more practical use and the many changes through which it has passed leave it still ready for what it should become, one of the greatest manufacturing districts of the country. At Verplanck is a natural inland harbor where the erection of docks would make possible the landing of any vessel that could come up the Hudson. It has frequently been suggested for a government shipyard but its value would be far greater for commerce. With the Hudson River Railroad just behind it and unlimited depth of water in front, it offers unrivaled attractions for manufacturers in search of a location.

Verplanck played a great part in the early history of our country. Here Henry Hudson anchored the Half Moon for awhile in October, 1609, and while there his sailors had their first encounter with the Indians. Here was the well-known King's Ferry to Rockland and from the Point two Continentals firing on a rowboat coming in from the Vulture drove it back and so did their part in preventing the escape of Andre.

With river front, railroad, trolley, school and churches, Verplanck awaits the revival which must come when its natural advantages are recognized and put to use.

"THE GUARDIAN," PEEKSKILL, N. Y.

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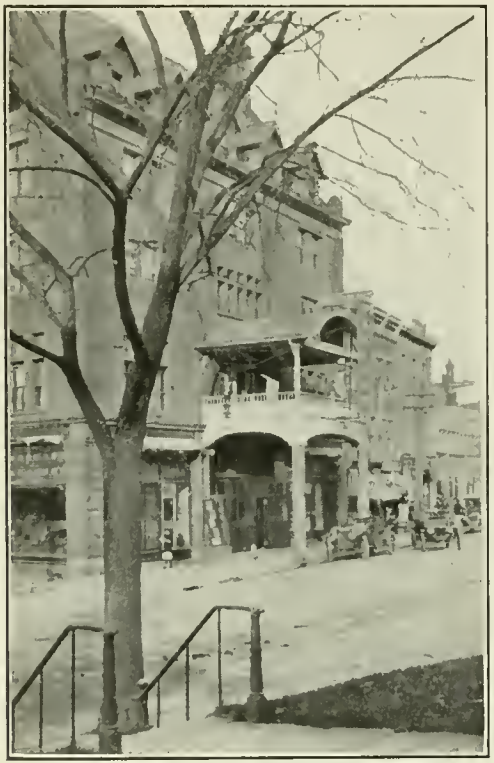
Peekskill's Elks Building

Many fraternal orders are represented in Peekskill. The Elks and Crytic Lodge of Odd Fellows own their own buildings, while the Masons and Moose Lodge own land upon which they expect to build soon.

HOTEL RALEIGH



HOTEL RALEIGH

On the main thoroughfare as one enters the business section of the village, less than five minutes' trolley ride from the Hudson River Railroad station and the steamboat landings, the Hotel Raleigh is not only an ideal house but is ideally situated, as well. Modern in every detail, it leaves nothing to be desired by the most fastidious guest. Especially built and designed to meet the requirements of the most particular, it does so successfully.

Although at the entrance of the business section, the Raleigh is, also on the edge of the refined residential section. All about it are pleasant homes, while the hotel itself is so satisfying that many of the best people of the make *it* their home. Situated at the corner of South and Depew Streets, the post office is just across from it on the latter street and three churches are within less than a block from it.

Planned so superbly, it was doubted by many if the Hotel Raleigh could be made a paying proposition in a village largely a manufacturing center but Charles J. Taylor, the present proprietor, is a man fitted by large experience for just such a place and from the time that he took hold of it he has been daily convincing the doubters not only that it could be done but that it is. Visitors here are delighted when they find that they can secure in this magnificent house all of the comfort and luxuries of any hotel and some who were first forced by accident to stay over at Peekskill now come here regularly to enjoy a season at the Raleigh.

Peekskill Fire Department

The Fire Department of Peekskill is a most efficient body. It consists of five companies of volunteers: Columbia Engine Co. No. 1, Columbia Hose Co. No. 1, Cortland Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, Washington Engine Co. No. 2, Centennial Hose Co. No. 4. Three of these have auto machines—the apparatus of the other two being horse drawn. The fire department antedates the charter of the Village, the village charter as a village date from 1839, and the department being formed under a fire district charter in 1827.

The Cortland Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1 is the only truck company of the village and is a social organization of high order as well as a model fire company.

Courtesy of The Highland Democrat.
HOME OF CORTLAND HOOK & LADDER COMPANY

Columbian Engine Co. No. 1, and Columbian Hose Co. No. 1, who occupy the same building were the first companies in each of these lines to be organized in Peekskill. The former dates from 1826 and the latter a few years later.

The Washington Engine Co. No. 2 has a combination automobile engine and hose apparatus, purchased with money most of which was raised by the members themselves. The company is housed in a three-story brick building on Nelson Avenue, with parlor, gymnasium, meeting room, besides apparatus room.

Centennial Hose Co. No. 4, the last of the Peekskill fire companies to be organized. Its existence dates from 1876. One of the most active and progressive of the fire companies of Peekskill.

VIEW TO THE NORTH FROM THE HERMITAGE ROAD, ST. GABRIEL

THE EAGLE HOTEL

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Few hotels along the Hudson are as well and favorably known as is the old established Eagle Hotel on Main Street. To give in few words the cause of its popularity would be difficult. Perhaps it is best covered by the remark of a patron, "Stopping at the Eagle isn't boarding, it's staying at home."

This probably is the great attraction of the house —no over-officious attention but just the care one receives at home. Neat rooms, good food, proper care and, with all, an air of ease and comfort that makes the patron feel that he has, indeed, come home.

Autoists and commercial travelers, two classes that know what's what in hotels, recognize these points and stop time after time at the Eagle.

The show room for commercial men's samples is ample and convenient. Also, it is usually a busy spot, for the commercial men know these facts and take advantage of them. The lounging room back of the office is deservedly popular. In it is an open fireplace around which the guests gather and are merry on winter evenings. "Meet me at the fireplace", is direction sufficient in Peekskill for everyone knows it means the Eagle fireplace.

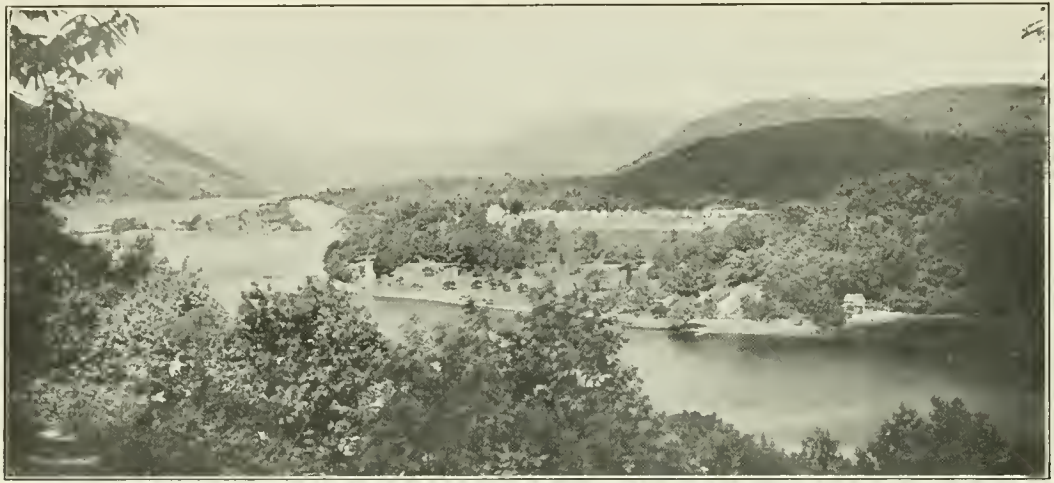
VIEW OF PEEKSKILL AND BAY

WESTCHESTER COUNTY NATIONAL BANK

OLD AND RELIABLE

Capital $100,000. Surplus and Undivided Profits over $398,000. Deposits over $3,400,000. Totals over $4,100,000.

That municipality is strong whose financial institutions are strong. Peekskill is well supplied with banks of high reputation. Oldest of them is the Westchester County National Bank. Founded as the Westchester County Bank in 1833 and continuing as such until it came under the National Bank act in 1865, this instituion has weathered every financial storm from the great panic of 1837 down to the present time without a quiver in its standing and even helped out some of the metropolitan banks in more than one of those great crises. It has been conducted on sound business principles from the start and managed by financiers who knew how, when and where safely to invest its holdings. In the 23rd annual Roll of Honor of the National Banks of the United States recently published by "The Financier" of New York it stands number 48 in the whole country as regards capital and surplus and number 7 in the state. Always sound, the Westchester County National bank started on a period of exceptional progress with the acquisition of Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, who in 1870, starting at that time as teller, passed rapidly on and up as cashier, vice president and president, which position he continues to hold. Mr. Pugsley's reputation in the financial world extends to every part of the country and his connection with the bank is an element of strength. Another man who gives strength to it is George A. Ferguson, who has been connected with it since 1881 and is now its cashier. The remaining officers are Frank M. Dain, vice-president and Frederick I. Pugsley, assistant cashier. The directors are C. A. Pugsley, Edward F. Hill, Frank M. Dain, Edward E. Young, H. L. Armstrong, George A. Ferguson, S. D. Horton, Ira D. Strang, George F. Pierce, William L. Dyckman, C. C. Knight and Thomas Nelson, Jr.



RIFLE RANGE AND STATE CAMP, PEEKSKILL, N. Y.

PEEKSKILL SAVINGS BANK

PEEKSKILL, N. Y.

This bank, which at present is the only Savings Bank in Peekskill, was incorporated in 1859 and is one of the most popular institutions of the kind in this section of the State, which is but natural, as its affairs have always been ably managed and the interests of depositors carefully guarded. Its financial condition is excellent, the funds being securely invested and there being a surplus of more than $400,000 over all iabilities, and still further security is afforded by the character of the men most prominently identified with the institution, they include the following well known citizens:

Officers: Charles C. Knight, President; Frank M. Dain, Frederick Lent, Vice Presidents; Sanford R. Knapp, Secretary; Edward E. Young, Treasurer, and Robert S. Allen, Cashier.

Trustees: Henry L. Armstrong, Edward G. Halsey, Sanford R. Knapp, Charles C. Knight, Frank M. Dain, Ira D. Strang, Frederick Lent, Oscar Griffin, Alonzo Seymour, Edward E. Young, William H. Croft, Geo. W. Buchanan, Edmund Jordan, Jay R. Decatur, Robert S. Allen.

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EMELINE

One of the most interesting trips out of Peekskill is on the famous "Emeline", running from Haverstraw to Newburgh, and touching at all intermediate points along the Hudson, including Peekskill. The Captain, D. C. Woolsey, has been in continuous service on the river for sixty-four years, and has been in constant service on this route for forty years. This vessel was used as dispatch boat for the U. S. Government during the Civil War and was known as the Nantasket, operating on the James and Potomac Rivers, many times carrying the hero of the Civil War, Ulysses S. Grant. The vessel has been practically rebuilt since that time and is now in excellent condition. Passengers and freight are carried. There is no more beautiful way of viewing the Highlands of the Hudson than on the Emeline.

Courtesy of The Highland Democrat.

MEADOWSWEET FARMS

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THE Meadowsweet Farms are situated five miles east of Peekskill on Croton Avenue. They are one of the few successful Certified Dairy Farms in the State of New York. They are owned by Mrs. Thomas Ewing of Yonkers and Washington, D. C., and managed by H. S. Rothera, a specialist in dairy farming and the production of pure, clean milk. In the five years he has been there, he has converted Meadowsweet Farms from a somewhat costly experiment to a bearing cost point, and is now out for gross profits. The farms are of 350 acres. All crops grown are fed to the herd of high class grade cows, which are tuberculin tested before admittance to the herd, and regularly retested to detect incipient cases. Last year they were scored 100 per cent perfect on health, cleanliness and conformation of herd. Many dairy farms handle milk but do not specialize in it. On this farm the rule is reversed. They specialize in milk, but do not handle it. Every cow is washed before milking—400 to 500 towels being used daily. All untensils are scrubbed, rinsed and sterilized after use and every effort made to prevent any dirt or dust from getting into the milk; which, from the time it leaves the cow, is weighed, cooled to 45 degrees, botled, sealed and packed in ice—being only in transit from 2 to 4 minutes, and never at any time, contaminated by human hand.

Science, cleanliness and routine are characteristics of the farm management and many expensive devices are used, regardless of first cost. The result being "Certified Milk", which is perfectly safe for the feeding of the most delicate infant or feeble invalid. They are certified by The Medical Society of New York, whose rules and requirements are more stringent than many other medical societies.

Visitors are welcome at Meadowsweet Farms and Mr. Rothera is at all times pleased to explain the value of every regulation there in force.

MORTON'S PEEKSKILL AND NEW YORK DAY LINE

PEEKSKILL, N. Y.

ONE of the big advantages that the Village of Peekskill enjoys is service of an excellent freight boat line to New York City. This is the Morton Day Line, which has carried freight between Peekskill and New York so long that it seems a part of the village itself or, at least, a co-existent adjunct.

The Morton Day Line was started by the father of its present operators and by him run successfully until his death. In that time it took up an extensive patronage and by its promptness, care and courtesy made friends of all its clients. This condition continues under the present management.

Odell Morton and William Morton, the present heads of the line, may be said to have been born in the business and they know it throughly. Both are experienced pilots and they inherit those traits of their father, the late Captain George Morton, that enabled him not only to secure trade but to handle it so as to retain it.

It is doubtful if a serious complaint against this popular line has ever been heard in Peekskill.

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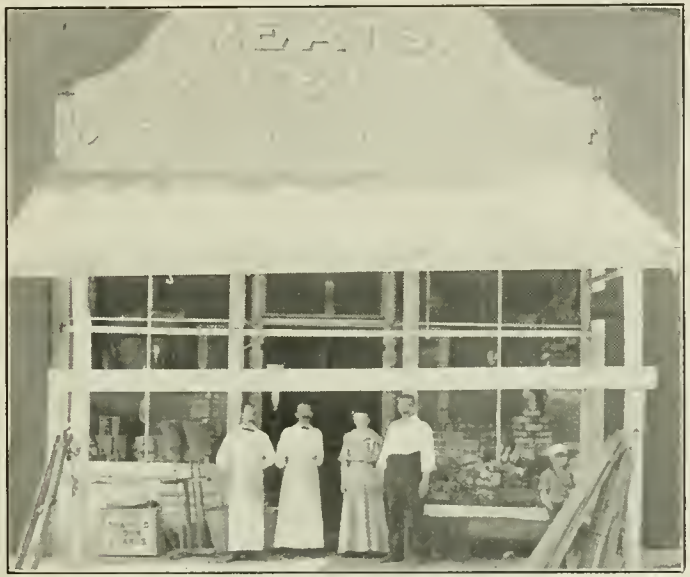

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For the man of family who is specially interested in the problem of education, Peekskill is particularly attractive as a place of residence. In addition to a fine public school system, the town possesses a number of private schools of first class. Not least of these, although not in the village boundary, is Mohegan Lake School on the shores of beautiful Mohegan Lake, four and one half miles from Peekskill, about five hundred feet above the Hudson River level.

Founded in 1880, for thirty-four years it has been devoted to the careful preparation of young men for business, for the technical school, or for the university; and above all to the thorough physical, mental, and moral equipment of its students for their chosen life work.

The high tone of the school, and its successful career through these years is a matter of pride not only to the men who conduct it, but to the whole community. Mohegan has accomplished its success by a firm adherence to certain ideals The fundamental tenet of its faith has always been the perfection of the individual, through a harmonious development of all the powers of the boy. At Mohegan the standard of value has been fixed with due regard to what is practicable as well as to what is best in the preparation of youth for the duties of mature manhood. Mohegan has striven to teach boys not only to *think* and to *know*, but to *do;* to develop not only the power of appreciation, but also the power of accomplishing. The threefold aim of the school has been to secure knowledge, culture and efficiency. The love of its alumni, their enthusiastic support, the success of its graduates in higher fields of learning and in life, are abundant evidence that it has not been in vain to adhere to these principles.

The senior principal, Mr. Albert E. Linder, A. M., of Princeton, is entering upon his twenty-fifth year with the school. Mr. Chas. Huntington Smith, A. M., of Amherst, became associated with him in 1907.

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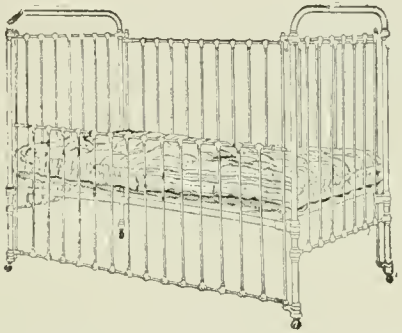

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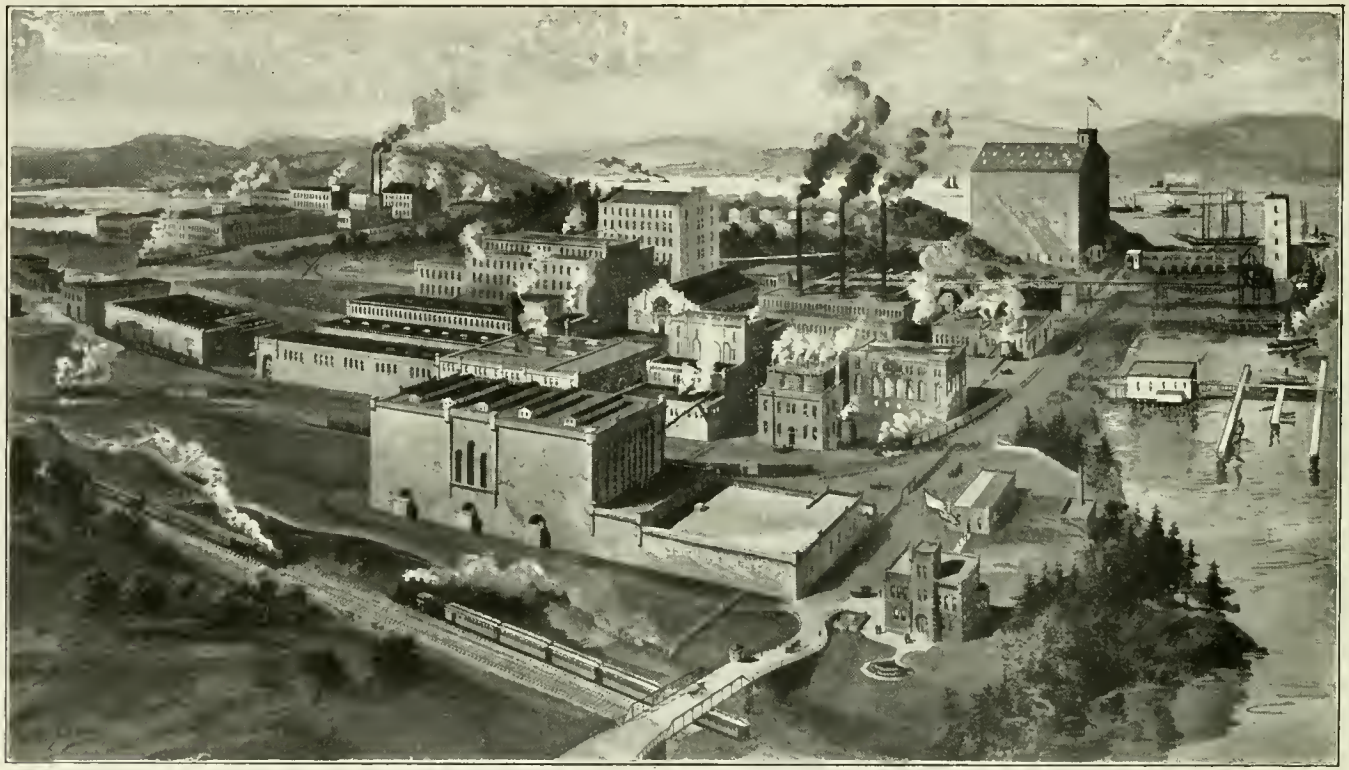

FACTORIES OF THE FLEISCHMANN COMPANY

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Charles Fleischmann, the founder of The Fleischmann Co., made and sold the first pound of compressed yeast used by the American baker. That was in 1868—nearly half a century ago.

From that humble beginning The Fleischmann Co. has grown. To-day there are ten Fleischmann factories in operation in different parts of the country and they produce over one hundred million pounds of yeast a year.

The largest Fleischmann plant is situated at Charles Point, Peekskill-on-the-Hudson, N. Y. —a beautiful, ideal and advantageous location. This factory with immense buildings, grain elevators, railroad, wharves, and offices, covers one hundred acres of ground. There are 1,500,000 square feet under roof covering 125 buildings, including a grain elevator with a capacity of 250,000 bushels of grain. It requires 5,000 bushels of grain, corn, rye and barley, to supply the material for each day's output. There are over two miles of railroad connecting with the various structures and providing the very best railroad facilities for all points, East, West, North and South. The monthly consumption of water amounts to more than 3,000,000 cubic feet or about 22,500,000 gallons. It requires 5,000 tons of coal each month to keep the fires going.

In addition to its wonderful manufacturing facilities, The Fleischmann Co. has one of the finest distributing organizations in the country. This consists of 950 agencies through which personal delivery service is rendered to bakers and grocers in practically every city, town and hamlet.

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Robert MacKellar, the founder of the present business, which was established in 1844, was the originator of the charcoal tablet as a cure for dyspepsia and this part of the business is now an extensive one. The company grinds charcoal for use in a variety of industries greater than anyone unacquainted with the work would suppose have use for it and they furnish it specially fitted in each case for the work that it is to be used at. W. H. H. MacKellar, the secretary, treasurer and general manager of the company may be said to have been born in the business and, while he has had experience in other callings sufficient to acquaint him with the work of the world in general, he has specialized strongly enough on this line to be an expert at it and well fitted to manage this, the largest concern of its kind in the country and the original foundry facings mill of the country.

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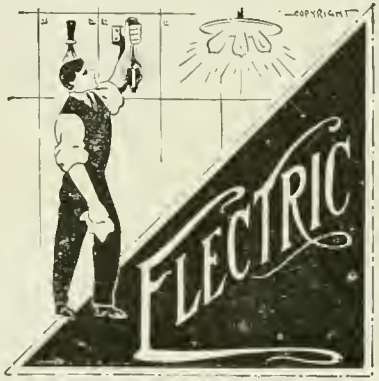

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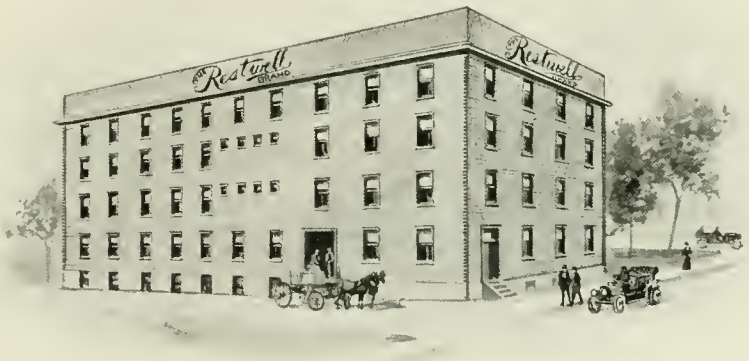
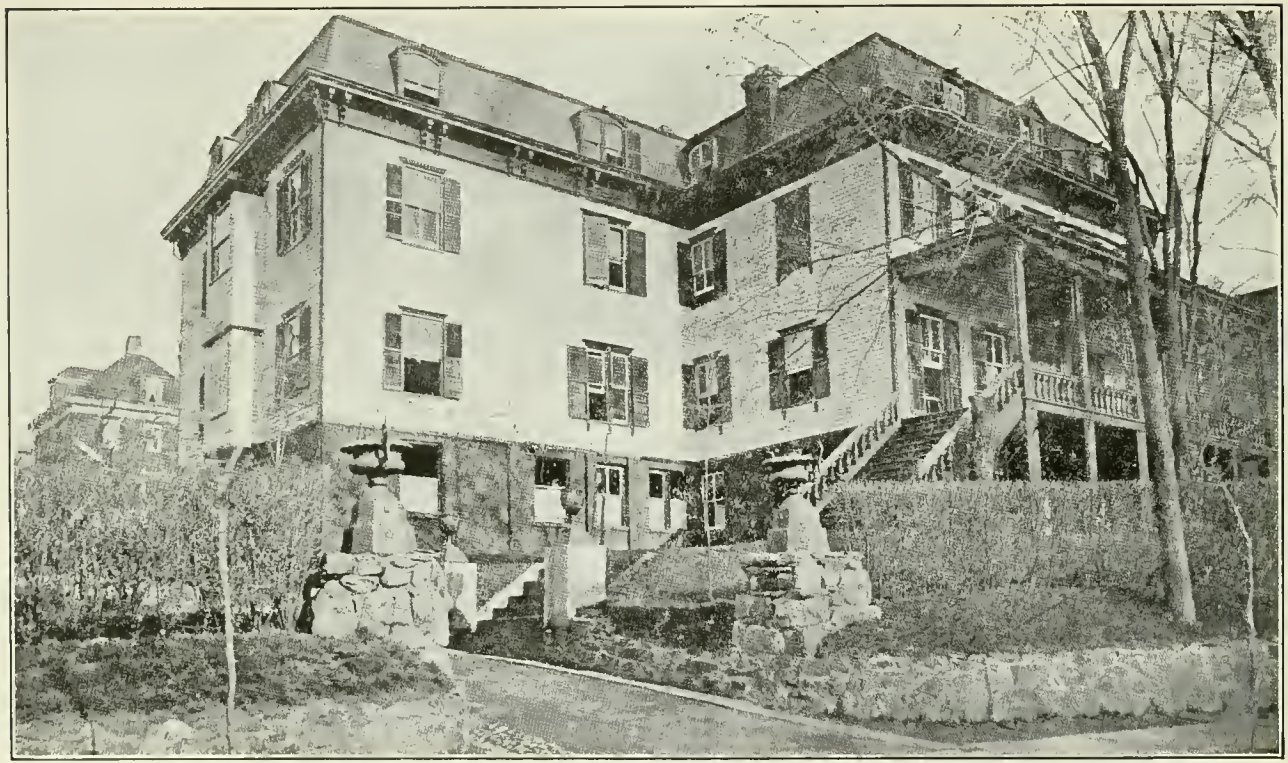
The New York office of the company is in the Fifth Avenue Building at 200 Fifth avenue.





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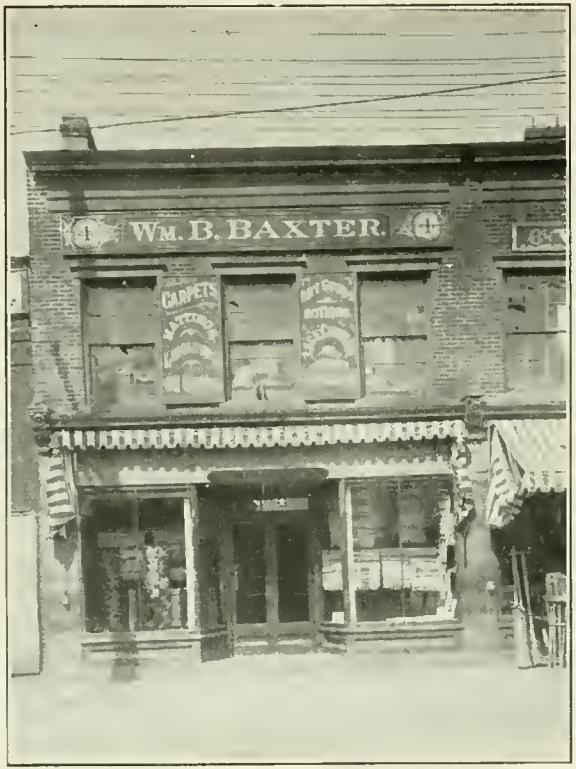
WORRALL HALL

PEEKSKILL leads in schools. Nowhere are more or better opportunities for education up to the point of entrance to college or business life to be found in a place of the size of this village, or even considerably larger. The public schools are such that the State takes pride in them and the private institutions are of the same high grade. Among the latter Worrall Hall Military Academy holds to the high rank as an ideal school for boys.

Counting as much on character training as on increasing the mental equipment of the boy, the management of this academy limits itself as to numbers and is satisfied that its reputation should depend upon the quality of the boys that are trained there rather than upon the quantity. The number accepted in any term is limited to what the faculty conscientiously believes it can properly handle, giving due attention to the whole boy—physical, mental and moral. The courses of study fit the boy, according to which is chosen, for entrance in college or for stepping directly into the activity of business life. He leaves the school prepared for his next step in life.

James Nelson McLure, principal of Worrall Hall Military Academy, was formerly headmaster at Miami Military Institute, at Germantown, Ohio, and is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University, where he received the degree of B. A. He is somewhat of a fraternal man, a thirty-second degree mason and has the breadth that a man must possess to travel that far on the road. With him are assoicated teachers of a high grade of efficiency and of experience in this work.



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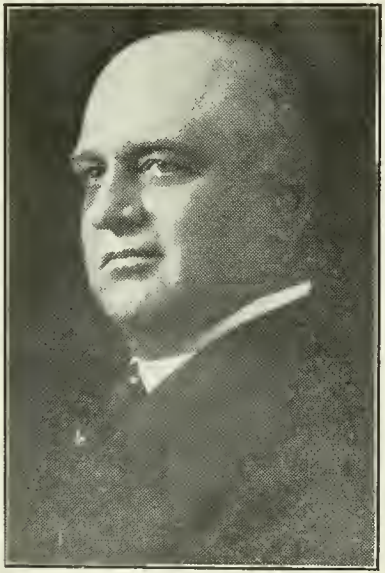

THOMAS NELSON, JR.

"Nelson Park" was so known in Peekskill for years when it was woodland and broad, open fields. When the Thomas Nelson Estate opened the section for homes, developing it at an expense of between $50,000 and $60,000, it was quite natural that the popular local name should be retained and so it was. Seventy-eight lots were laid out in the park and are now almost entirely sold. The park lies in one of the most advantageous sections of the village and has all of the conveniences that are to be found anywhere in the village together with the close neighborhood of one of the few remaining woodlands of the village. It is elevated, overlooking the village and affording beautiful views in three directions. The drainage is perfect; has graded streets, concrete sidewalks, curbs and gutters, gas, water, electricity and shade trees. It is protected against undesirable persons and buildings.

The management of the Estate of Thomas Nelson is also developing the old Durrin Farm at VanCortlandtville and here are to be found delightful sites for bungalows and small farms.

Honorable Thomas Nelson, Jr., twice elected president of the village, which office he now holds, is the manager of these developments and one of the most active boosters of the village. At the head of a large estate, he has chosen these parcels of it as the most attractive to offer in carrying forward the "progress of Peekskill" movement which now clearly is under way.

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RAILROAD DEPARTMENT:—The main line of the railroad extends from the New York Central railway station, through the centre of the village in an easterly direction to Lake Mohegan, where a pleasure park adjoining the lake is provided for the patrons of the road. Provision is made on South Street near Division for the transfer of passengers to the Verplanck branch and to the Putnam & Westchester Traction Company's line. The total mileage covered by the two lines is more than fifteen miles.

The rolling stock of the railroad consists of: 6 Semi-Convertible Brill Cars, Vestibule type; 4 Closed Cars, Vestibule type; 8 Open Cars; 1 Snow Plow; 1 Combination Snow Plow and Express Car; 1 Coal Car (side and bottom dump); 1 Coal Car (side dump); 1 Work Car. The motor equipments are all new.

ELECTRIC LIGHT & POWER:—Electric motors furnish power to a large number of the manufacturing industries in the city, electric power being used partially in the municipal pumping plant and entirely for the high service reservoir.

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GAS DEPARTMENT:—For the production of gas this company has a modern gas plant located on Water Street just south of the electric station. At the present time the company rents gas ranges, water heaters and gas cookers. In order to carry on this work and render service to the public the company employs nearly 100 men, a large number of whom are natives of the village.

PEEKSKILL MILITARY ACADEMY

John Smith, Jr., general contractor and owner of the Centre Dock, is one of the old line citizens of Peekskill who have grown up with the village and helped largely in making it the place that it is. Forceful and progressive, he has the native insight that has enabled him largely to foresee the course of events and profit thereby.

Always active, Mr. Smith has exercised that activity in a public spirited manner, serving both his country and his village in peace and in war. As a sixteen year old boy he was mustered in as a corporal in the 135th N. Y. Infantry (afterward, the 6th Heavy Artillery) and served through the Civil War, being discharged with the rank of lieutenant, Aug. 24, 1865. Returning from the war, Mr. Smith went into the gravel roofing business with his father, eventually taking over the entire business and adding to it that of general contracting. But a short time after this he, with several war comrades, organized Centennial Hose Co., and was the first foreman, which did good service in the village fire department for many years. About ten years later he was one the charter members of Centennial Hose Co.. No. 4, a company still active. These are but part of his services to his community. For a number of years he was a member of the Drum Hill Board of Education—at one time its president—and he served one term as postmaster of the village, 1890 to 1894.

At present Mr. Smith is conducting a large contracting business, with 20 or more teams which he keeps busy the year round. He is also agent for the famous Vulcanite Portland Cement which is largely used in public and private work in this community.

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WICOPEE DAM

Wicopee dam and storage reservoir, a recent addition to Peekskill's water system, was built by this company. This dam is 400 feet long and, at its greatest depth, 35 feet deep. The capacity of the lake thus impounded is 420,000,000 gallons. It covers 54 acres of ground and, being nearly circular, has a diameter of about half a mile. From the start this work was pushed forward by the company without a hitch and its successful completion was hailed with delight by the whole village as betokening a time when water famines need no longer be feared here.

The Peekskill Construction Company secured the contract for building a sewer system and disposal plant for Goshen and it is now at work on this job.

These are a few of the larger jobs that the company handles, but it does smaller ones, too. Dozens of handsome stone walls about the village show its neatness in little jobs and residences and barns here and there show its ability at work on smaller buildings.

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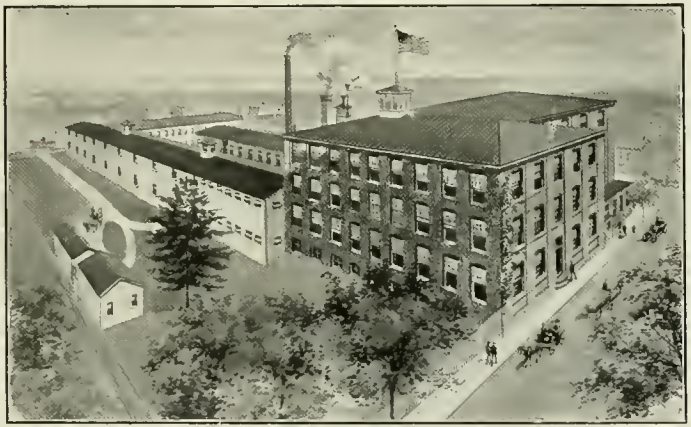

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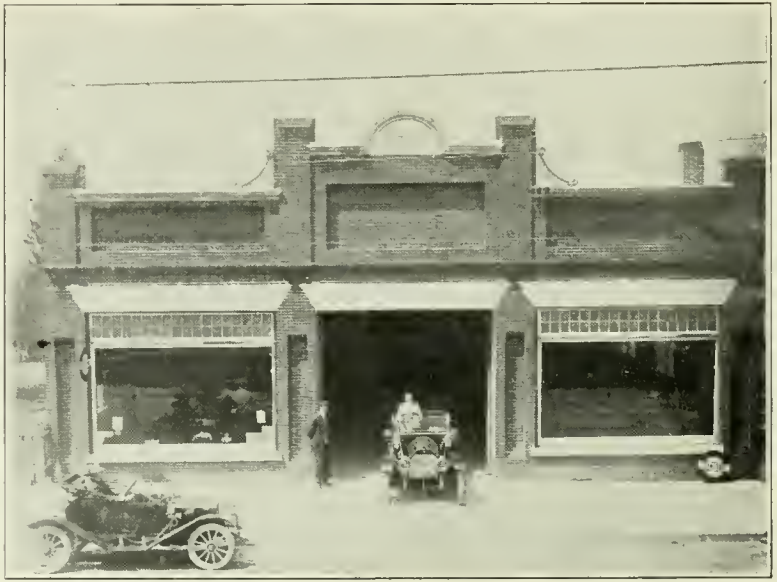

SOMETHING ABOUT BUNGALOWS

Prominent among those who believe in Peekskill and who have backed up their beliefs by substantial investments is Ernest Loomis, the writer, whose books on philosophical and self-culture topics have sold extensively here and abroad. He first bought sixty acres to use as headquarters for his educational interests, and then became so deeply impressed with the prospects of advances in real estate values that he bought dozens of places, aggregating over 500 acres, nearly all of which are near good transportation facilities.

He is now planning to build California bungalows on his Riverview Plaza subdivision which is only three blocks from the Peekskill depot. These he will sell on easy terms at exceptionally low prices to local people, New Yorkers and others. He hopes to make these especially attractive to authors, artists, idealists, and others who require all modern improvements, and who appreciate the finest of the Hudson River scenery and the beautiful effects that can be obtained by making the bungalows harmonize with each other.

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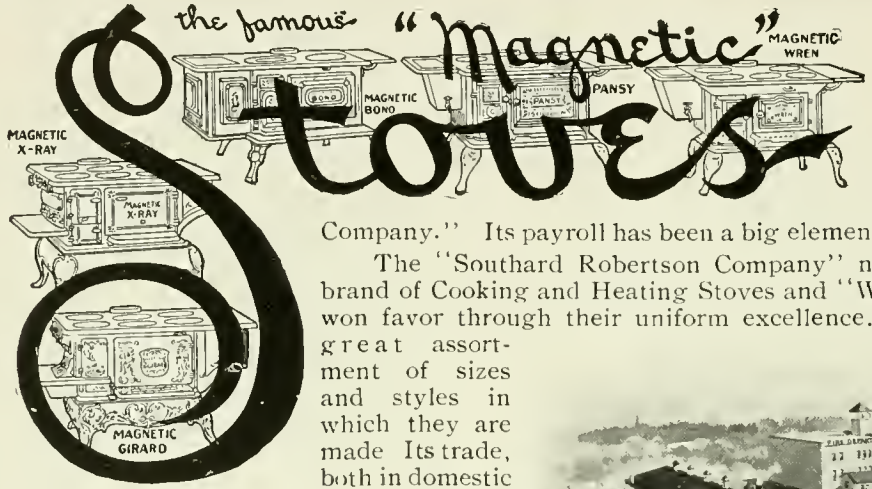

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Here, when his army was stationed in the vicinity, General Washington, who was a lay reader of the Church of England in America (afterward the Episcopal Church) read the services for his men. Later the church, with its neighbor the Baptist meeting house, since torn down, was used as a hospital for Continental soldiers. In it General Seth Pomeroy died. He was buried a few feet back of the church and a monument to his memory, erected by the Sons of the Revolution stands not far away.

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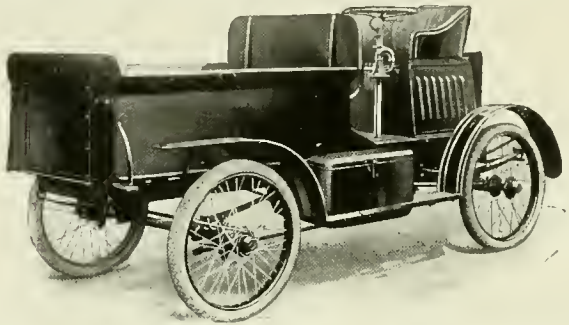

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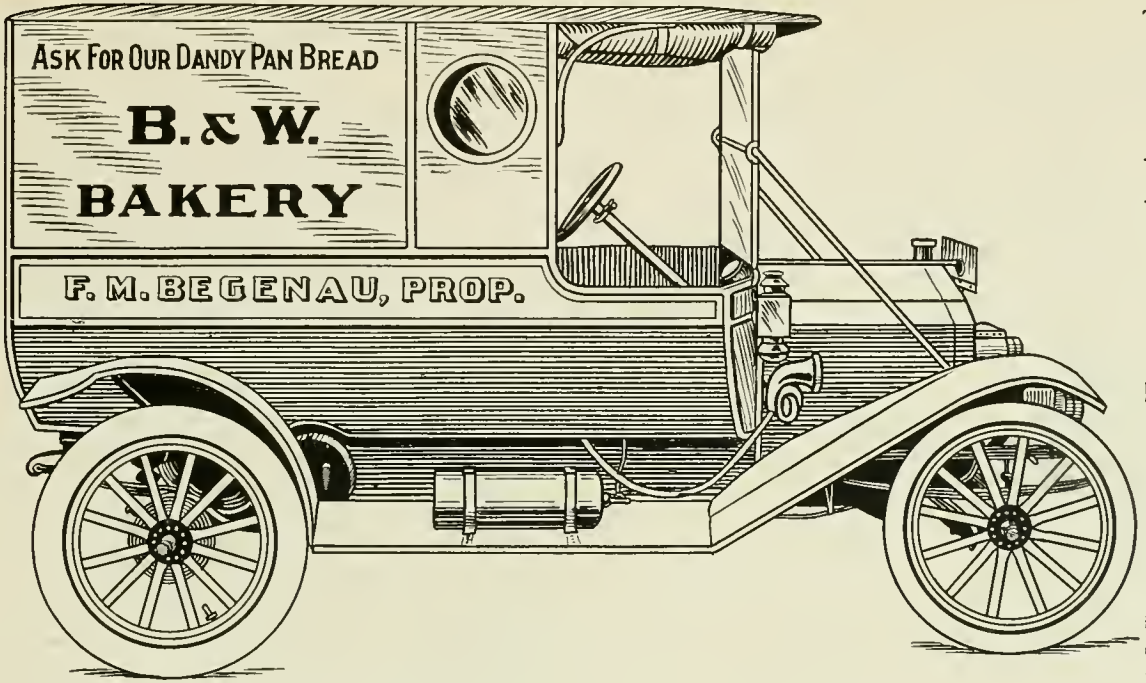

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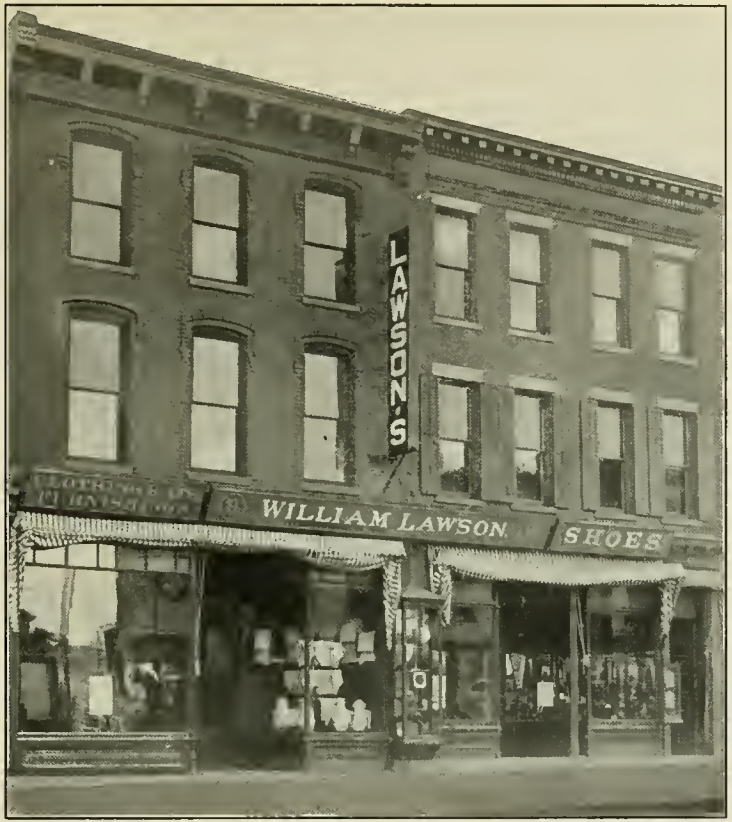

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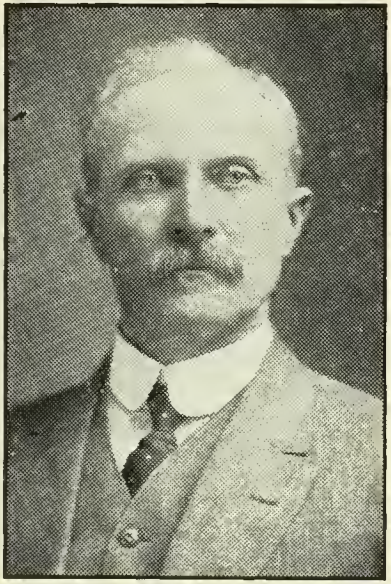

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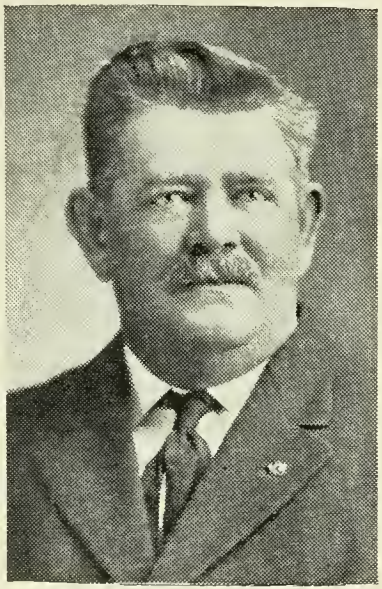

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